26. Lucknow
27. Nanpura
28. Jaunpur
29. Faridpur
30. Moradabad
31. Muzaffar nagar
32. Saharanpur
33. Unnão
34. Chandausi
35. Bareilly
36. Sitapur
37. Agra
38. Kalpi

N.B:—Since the commissioning of an LPG distributorship is contingent on the completion of several steps and formalities, delay cannot be ruled out.

Allotment of Gas Agencies on Partnership Basis

1839. SHRI H. HANUMANTH APPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whteher it is a fact that retail outlets and Gas agencies are allotted on partnership basis;

(b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the partnership between persons belonging to upper classes and persons belonging to SC/ST has reduced the SC/ST persons into a bonded labour in the agencies; and

(c) if so what steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Under the existing policy guidelines, subject to eligibility criteria being satisfied, retail outlet and LPG dealerships can be awarded to persons who come forward to run the same as a partnership.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Petrol and diesel outlets run by benami persons

1840. SHRI H. HANUMANTH APPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the petrol and diesel outlets allotted to SC|ST people are run by Benami persons to the disadvantages of the SC|ST people; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) While no such instances have been reported to Government by the oil marketing companies, allegations in this regard are looked into for appropriate action in terms of the agreement between the dealer and the oil company concerned.

Estimate of Oil and Gas Avaliability in Wells Explored in Krishna-Godavari Basin

1841. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest estimate regarding oil and gas availability in different wells explored by ONGC in Krishna Godavari Basin so far; and

(b) what is the likely date from which the Gas from these wells could be supplied for commercial use?